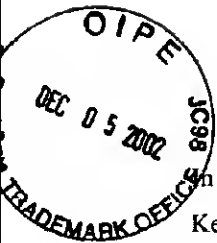


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Copies of the references are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

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